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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATION KNOCK NORWEGIANS OUT OF NORDIC DELEGATION
TO AFL-CIO MEETING

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1. NORWEGIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO) WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED IN NORDIC DELEGATION TO AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING IN MIAMI FEB 16. LO IS MOST UNHAPPY IT CANNOT PARTICIPATE, BUT TIMING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL AND TRADE UNION REASONS. NONE OF TOP LEVEL LO OFFICERS CAN AFFORD TO BE AWAY DURING THIS CRITICAL STAGE OF BIENNIAL NATIONAL WAGE AND INCOME NEGOTIATIONS. THESE WILL BE CRUCIAL IN SETTING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SCENE AND DETERMINING LABOR PARTY FORTUNES FOR NEXT YEAR AND A HALF DULMINATING IN SEPTEMBER 1977 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. FOR ASPENGREN TO LEAVE NOW WOULD BE POLITICALLY UNFORGIVEABLE, AS WELL AS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE HE IS BUSY NEGOTIATING. VICE PRESIDENT ODD HOJDAL AND SECOND SECRETARY TOR HALVORSEN ARE MENTIONED AS PRINCIPAL CONTENDERS TO

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SUCCEED ASPENGREN EARLY IN 1977 AND FIRST SECRETARY

LEIF HARALDSETH MAY ALSO BE A DARK HORSE CONTENDER.
THIS ADDS TO PRESSURE ON THEM TO PULL THEIR WEIGHT
AND TAKE PART IN ACTION JUST NOW. THE OTHER TOP
ELECTED OFFICER, TREASURER EINAR STRAND, WAS TAPPED
TO GO, BUT ALSO FOUND HIS PRESENCE HERE INDISPENSABLE.

2. LO HAS INFORMED AFL-CIO THAT STRAND CAN'T GO.
EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ALSO PASS ABOVE OBSER-
VATIONS TO AFL-CIO AS BACKGROUND.
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